



Keaukaha Elementary School

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"Surround yourself with the dreamers and the doers, the believers and thinkers, but most of all, surround yourself with those who see greatness within you, even when you don't see it yourself."
~ Author Unknown

Aloha e Keaukaha 'Ohana!

Welcome back to what is set to be another exciting school year here at Keaukaha Elementary! It feels so good to be back in session!

I am so excited to introduce you to a **new** teacher on campus and to inform you of internal changes:

- Kumu Michele Bulgado comes to us from Kaumana Elementary and joins our 6th grade team.
- Kumu Andrea Lord moved from a resource room to our 1st grade team.
- Kumu Sara Mine moved from 4th grade to our 3rd grade team.

Our students return to Keaukaha Elementary in their **school uniforms** again this year!! As a reminder, their uniform color is ROYAL BLUE (not black, brown or pink) and these blue uniforms are to be **used Monday through Thursday**, unless we have another activity planned for that day. Friday is Free Dress day for our students. Our Uniform Policy and Procedure information was sent out in the opening day documents for your review. Uniforms can be purchased throughout the year at Creative Arts. As a reminder, the ROYAL BLUE shirts are to be used by **students only** and will not be sold for adult use. Mahalo for honoring our students!! In addition, students may borrow a uniform from school if they do not have one at home. However, this should be a rare occurrence. Please ensure that your child has enough uniform shirts ready for school during the week. Mahalo for your assistance with this! Feel free to contact me if you have questions about our uniforms.

Keaukaha Elementary is moving away from **Synervoice**, our previous communication source with families. When two large earthquakes hit us last May, we realized that we needed a communication system that was easier for us to use during a crisis. We believe we found it!! Effective school year 2018-2019, **ParentSquare** will replace Synervoice at Keaukaha Elementary. ParentSquare is a method of communication we can use to get information out to our families in a more timely and easier manner. These messages will come to you in the form of a text and email. Yay!!! All non-emergency messages will go to the PRIMARY number listed on your child's emergency card, while any message we deem as an emergency will go to all the numbers listed. **I can not stress enough how important it is to keep your contact information CURRENT with our school office.** If your phone number changes, please notify us immediately. Mahalo!

Daily student attendance continues to be a primary focus area for us. Please make every effort to bring your children to school daily and on time. School starts at 8:00 am and students are considered tardy after 8:05 am. Of course, if they are sick, they should stay home. But if they are healthy and well, please have them in school with us. They could fall behind if they miss school unnecessarily. Any child with 15 or more days absent in a year will be considered chronically absent from school so let's work together to make sure they are in school. Mahalo for your attention to this!

I want to wish **HAU'OLI LĀ HĀNAU** to our August birthdays: Kumu Melanie Toyama, Kumu Eden Scanlan, Kumu Amber Yung, EA Hina Wong, Kumu Donna Foster, Kumu Cela Bento, Auntie Waihilo Chartrand, Kumu Wendi Kimura, EA Nicole Crichton, and to our many students and parents who share August as their month of birth. Happy Birthday to you all!

Well Keaukaha, **READY-SET-GO!** I look forward to spending another **FUN and EXCITING** year together!!! © As always, my door is open. Please come and see me if you need to discuss anything.... Mahalo for all that you do! We so appreciate you!

Be Strong, Be Proud, Be Pono!
A Hui Hou!

Po'o Kumu Stacey Bello



COUNSELORS CORNER KUMU SPEAR

Back-To-School Tips For Success

What's the secret to making sure your child has a successful school year? Here are some helpful tips:

Follow routines at home. Children thrive when they have a regular time to eat, sleep, play, read, do chores, etc.

Create daily rituals. Start school mornings eating breakfast together. Ask about school every evening. And end the day with a bedtime story.

Encourage playing by the rules. Know and talk about classroom rules. Never tell your child you think the rule is silly.

Stay up-to-date on school news. Read the information that comes home from your child's teacher and the school.

Tell the teacher about any changes at home, such as a new living arrangement or new baby.

Use email to contact the teacher. It minimizes "phone tag". Writing notes works, too.

Don't say negative things about the teacher in front of your child. Make it clear that you and the teacher are on the same "team."

Make homework a priority. Schedule a regular homework time and be there to support your child.

Don't over schedule your child.

Extracurricular activities can be great, but all children need some downtime, too.

Welcome Kumu Bugado!



Kumu Michele Bugado joins us from Kaumana Elementary. Kumu Bugado will work closely with Kumu Harman in 6th grade. Welcome, Kumu Bugado!



Piko Ceremony August 6, 2018



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Friendly Reminder...



Student morning drop off is:

- at the front of our school on Desha Avenue; or
- at the gym parking lot off Baker Avenue.

Drop off will not be allowed at the cafeteria back gate area on Pua Avenue due to safety reasons.

As a reminder, morning supervision begins at 7:15a.m. at the cafeteria.

Please help to keep our children safe.

Please see Kumu Bello if you have any questions.



Mahalo!



E hoe i ka wa'a! E ho'olōkahi e!
"Let's paddle our canoe together!"





Academic Coach-Grade Pre-K, 1 & 2

Kumu Loke

Aloha e Na 'Ohana o Keaukaha,



It is exciting to be returning to the piko...Keaukaha School. I'm Kumu Loke and as we return, please let's share a warm greeting as I'm excited to be back. My kuleana is to work with our children in English Language arts which includes: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. These are important skills that we all use every day and let's work on an attitude of "can do" to build success! It is my pleasure to focus my work with Pre-School to grade 2 students while helping all students and teachers with English Language Arts. Title I, Achieve3000, DIBELS, and MIKA are some of the programs that I help manage at our school. Let us all work with lokahi because all our students are important, each and everyone of them. Mahalo nui to you all for brining them to school everyday, because every day counts and working with them at home and at play. Let's build the habit of thinking which will strengthen learning in everything we do.

Mahalo Nui, Kumu Loke Kamanu



Academic Coach-Grade 3 & 4

Kumu Miyataki



Aloha Mai Kakou,

Welcome back everyone to our wonderful Keaukaha Elementary School! I hope you all had a fun-packed summer and know you all must be as excited as I am to be back! ☺

I, Kumu Miyataki, will again be the math lead for our school and coach for the best grade levels ever! Grades 3 & 4! ☺ So, please email tina_miyataki@notes.k12.hi.us or call me at 974-4181 if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting you... ☺

A Hui Hou,
Kumu Tina Miyataki ☺



Academic Coach-Grade 5 & 6

Kumu Fa'anunu



Welcome back!! I'm sure many of you will be sad to see your kids head back to school while others will be relieved and possibly grateful you survived another summer. No matter what your situation, we are very anxious to begin another year of learning, growing, and building relationships. My name is Kumu Fa'anunu and I am the 5th & 6th Academic Coach, the Health and Wellness lead here on campus, and the School Wide Reading Challenge coordinator. I am a mother of seven who enjoys good food, Netflix and hanging out at the beach with my family. My office is located in A basement along with Kumu Loke and Kumu Miyataki. We are here to support teachers, students, and parents. Mahalo for all that you do in your homes to encourage your child to live healthy and love learning. I look forward to meeting you and your family. It's going to be an amazing school year!!

MAHALO NUI!



UPCOMING EVENTS and Announcements

**August 6, 2018 – Welcome Back
Piko Ceremony**

**August 17, 2018 – NO SCHOOL
– Statehood Day**

August 29, - Wehena Kula - Open House

**September 3, 2018 – NO SCHOOL
– Labor Day**



**Mahalo to Hui o Wahine for
donating slippers!**



E hoe Ika wa'a! E ho'olōkahi e! - "Let's Paddle Our Canoe Together!"

Principal's Pledge to Students

All adults will work hard for you.
You will be safe in our school.
If you have something to say about
our school, we will listen.

Student's Pledge to Keaukaha

Come to school on time everyday.
Follow all expectations.
Be ready to learn and work hard.
Be a "sponge"

Keaukaha School is a Title I school. We receive Federal funds to ensure that all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on the challenging state academic standards.

Annual Notification of Privacy Rights

Know your privacy rights as they apply to 1) Student record information; 2) Directory information; 3) Surveys and other information collection; and 4) Military recruitment information.

For more information on your privacy rights, the laws that protect them, and how to exercise your rights, contact your school administrator or visit <http://bit.ly/FERPAHI>

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